

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 20, 2016

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Fabian Ramirez
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Gilbert & Eunice Wood
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Carlos Dean Wenske
	8:05 A.M.	Deceased Members of Alfred & Leona Proschko Family
<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Georgie Okruhlik
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	Good Friday Service
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Baros
	9 A.M.	Special Intention
	11 A.M.	Othon Osornio

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Billy Proschko.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

Your Gift to God: March 13th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,303.86
Online Giving	\$1,115
Building Fund	\$39
Special Collection (<i>Catholic Relief Services</i>)	\$588.88
St. Ann Parish Support	\$325
Building Fund	\$130
Special Collection (<i>Catholic Relief Services</i>)	\$84

May God reward your generosity!

Operation Rice Bowl

The Rice Bowl Collection will be taken up at all Masses each weekend through Easter Sunday.

Holy Week/Easter Office Schedule

The parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, March 23rd and reopen on Tuesday, March 29th.

Deadline for the bulletin is noon Tuesday, March 22nd.

*"Father, forgive them,
they know not what they do."*

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Gladys Jiral
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	Susan Kelley
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Carol Bade
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Kendra Wenske
	9 A.M.	Anthony Harper
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa

Offertory Gifts

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Georgie Okruhlik Family
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	R.C.I.A. Candidates
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Robert & Jerrie Kacir

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Jimmy & Shirley Mudd, Robert & Jerrie Kacir, Bobby Jiral
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	Blaise Dreitner
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gloria Lerma, Wanda Zabransky, Sammy & Susan Elizondo Susan Kelley
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Blaise Dreitner
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Pam Garza, Heriberto Castillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel, Bobby Fikac, Glenn & Darlene Renken
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	JoJo Machalec, Emil Blaschke, Charlie Proschko, Alan Migl
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Andy Bordovsky, Debbie Caka
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Dennis & Dolores Sestak
	11 A.M.	Vicky Vasquez, Robert Barrera, Rachel Gomez, Robert Schneider

Altar Servers

<i>Thurs.</i>	7 P.M.	Reed & Ryan Gearson, Alex Hull, Michael Chomout
<i>Fri.</i>	12:30 P.M.	Cameron Villa, Raleigh Chumchal, Brittany Moreno, Caroline Spaeth
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Weston, Dylan & Austin Barton, Alex Hull

Sun. 7 A.M. Luke & A. J. Adamek
 9 A.M. Carly Hull, Hunter Kvinta,
 Ryan Brewer
 11 A.M. Angelica, Esmeralda &
 Tadeo Rojas

Community Worship Service

The Yoakum Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Palm Sunday Community Service today, March 20th at the Austin Street Baptist. The service will begin at 5:30 P.M. and will be followed by a meal. St. Joseph's Choir will be participating in the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

*“Father, into your hands
 I commend my spirit.”*

CCD Notice

There are no CCD classes this Wednesday, March 23rd. Classes resume April 6th.

Recordatorio: Doctrina

No tenemos clases de doctrina este miercoles, 23 de marzo.

K.J.Z.T. #37, St. Ann's

Country Bake Sale This Weekend

K.J.Z.T. #37, St. Ann's will sponsor a Country Bake Sale before and after all Masses at St. Joseph's this weekend. Proceeds from the bake sale go towards maintenance of St. Ann Parish. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist
 and the Priesthood
 Mass – 7:00 P.M.

Nightwatch in the Church until Midnight

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
 12:30 P.M.

Recitation of the Rosary for our Country will follow in the Prayer Garden.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil – 5:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. – St. Ann's

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. (Bilingual)

Chrim Mass

All are invited to the annual Chrim Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria on (this) Tuesday of Holy Week at 10:00 A.M. This Mass is celebrated by the Bishop with all the priests of the diocese during which the three Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated, and distributed to each of the priests for use in this upcoming year. It is a special moment in the life of the local Church and is a unique and beautiful experience.

Sacred Triduum

We are at the most sacred time of year as we will enter into the high holy days recalling and celebrating our salvation through the Paschal Mystery. All parishioners--especially families together--are encouraged to set time aside from their schedules and fully participate in these special liturgies. The rituals and symbols involved are a true feast for the senses--bring your Lent to its culmination and enter into the mystery and renew your faith and devotion.

“Could you not stay awake with me for an hour?”

This Thursday following the Mass of the Lord's Supper the Church will remain open until midnight for the prayerful nightwatch. It is a silent and truly spiritual time during which all are invited to come and spend time with our Lord recalling the saving events we are commemorating during the Sacred Triduum. Families are especially encouraged to bring their children for a least a few moments to pray and be with the Lord. There are so many graces available during these intensely spiritual days.

Reminder

Holy Communion may not be brought to the hospital, nursing home or homebound on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday due to the Sacred Triduum and the Church's liturgical law. The practice of bringing Holy Communion resumes with Easter Sunday.

La “Ultima Hora”

El Jueves Santo en la noche tendremos la tradicional “noche de vela” con nuestro Señor hasta la medianoche en la iglesia. Extendemos una especial invitación a la comunidad Hispana para que nos unamos en esta “Ultima Hora” de silencio de las 11 pm a las 12 am. Las palabras de Jesús son inquietantemente ciertas: “¿No pueden esperar despiertos conmigo por una hora?”.

*“Behold the wood of the Cross,
on which hung
the salvation of the world.”*

Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians:

On March 24th, at the celebration of the *Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. The Diocese of Victoria currently has 10 men in formation at various seminaries in the United States. At an average annual cost of \$35,000 per seminarian, this year the diocese will need approximately \$350,000 to fund this important endeavor. With your continuous generosity, coupled with a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our *Diocesan Services Appeal* campaign. Please assist your parish and diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes. Let us all do our part in assisting in their education and formation. Thank you for supporting our *Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians*.

Good Friday Special Collection

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection is taken up in every Catholic parish around the world. The Collection sustains Christianity in the Holy Land. With your support, the Franciscans and other ministers in parishes, provide formation and education, build homes and feed the hungry. And, of course, the sacred shrines in the Holy Land are maintained so pilgrims can still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Christians, along with all the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help!

Join in Praying the Rosary for our Country

All parishioners are invited to gather in the Prayer Garden immediately for the Good Friday Service to pray for our country by reciting the rosary.

Easter Flowers

Those who would like to donate towards the Easter floral decorations are invited to use the envelopes in

Little White Books

The Little White Books will be available next weekend for the Easter Season. Since there are a limited amount of books please consider sharing a book with family members.

Libritos Blancos

Durante la temporada pascual, tenemos los Libritos Blancos para la familia parroquial – serán en la entrada de la iglesia el Domingo de Pascua.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd

On Sunday, April 3rd, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In the Diocese of Victoria, each deanery will have a special ceremony. In the Hallettsville Deanery, which includes Shiner, Yoakum, Hochheim, Moulton, Sweet Home, Koerth, Hallettsville, St. Mary's, Moravia and St. John, there will be a gathering at Sacred Heart Church at 2:00 P.M. followed by a procession around the Lavaca County Courthouse Square ending us back at the church for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Organizations from all the parishes are encouraged to bring their banners and carry them in Procession. Hopefully all the parishes in the Deanery will be represented by a good number of parishioners. Let us come together and give witness to God's Mercy. If there are any questions, contact the Sacred Heart Rectory at 798-5888 or email rectory@shcatholicchurch.org.

Experience God's Mercy

There is no better way to enter into the spirit of this Jubilee Year of Mercy--and delve deeper in faith during Lent--than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Wednesday the Sacrament is available from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Church.

Cemetery Flower Reminder

Easter is just a week away and it's time to remove those Christmas poinsettias and any old, faded and tattered flowers as to keep things looking in good condition.

"Not my will but yours be done."

Safe Environment Class Wednesday, March 23rd

A Safe Environment Training class will be held this **Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 P.M.** at the Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, i.e. field trips, end of year outings, etc., Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.** This is the last Safe Environment class being offered before the end of the school year. Please call the Pastoral Center at 293-3518 if you have questions or need additional information.

CDA Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors

Catholic Daughters Court #206 will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors on Thursday, March 31st. Members will depart from the Family Center at 9:00 A.M. We will visit Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria, eat lunch then continue to Holy Cross Church in Yorktown. For reservations contact Lorie Lacina at 361-401-0078 or Carolyn Janak at 361-649-4656.

K.J.T. District III Annual Meeting

The K.J.T. District III Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, April 3rd at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hallettsville beginning with 9:15 A.M. Mass. Registration will follow in the St. Mary's Hall. There will be a brunch, meeting and youth activity. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish.

"Christ became obedient to the point of death, death on a cross. Because of

this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling Benefit

Sunday, April 3rd

Yoakum Community Center

Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

BBQ Chicken Plates 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$8.00 – dine-in or to-go.

Shiner Hobo Band performing from

10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Live Auction (12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.)

Plant Sale – Desserts – Artisan's Market –

Balloon Creations - Face Painting

Meal tickets available at:

First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank,
Bluebonnet Youth Ranch and at the door.



KC "Hook'em & Cook'em" Salt Water Tournament

The Yoakum Knights of Columbus Council #1582 "Hook'em & Cook'em" Salt Water Tournament will be held April 29-30 at Lamar Volunteer Fire Dept. Hall, Lamar, Texas. Festivities begin Friday evening followed by the tournament on Saturday. The tournament is open to everyone. Guide and non-guided divisions. Entry forms may be found at www.hookem-and-cookem.com. In addition to the tournament there will be a silent auction and live auction. For more information contact: Reinhard Hagan at 361-293-4719 or Brad Brown at 361-293-8698, or Alan Migl at 361-648-0329. Proceeds benefit Yoakum Knights of Columbus charities.

SJS 7th Grade Fundraiser

The 7th Grade Class of St. Joseph School is sponsoring a fundraiser to raise funds towards their end of year trip. The class is offering four photos for purchase. The order forms with the photo options are located at the entrances of the church. Your support is appreciated!

*"I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord: love one another
as I have loved you."*



St. Joseph School Sets Registration March 21st – March 31st

St. Joseph School will begin registration for the Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 programs and new students K-8 for the 2016-2017 school year beginning March 21st through March 31st. Parents may register in the school office from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and 1:00-3:00 P.M. Parents are required at the time of registration to present the students baptismal and/or official birth certificates and a complete immunization record. No child will be completely registered unless all of these documents are provided. A registration fee of \$200 per student is required. After the deadline of March 31st the registration fee will be \$225. Parents are encouraged to register students before April 1st. St. Joseph School admits students of any religion, race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

Sacramental [Gift] Season Approaches

With Easter within our sights, it is also the time that we begin to plan ahead for the special "holy" moments for many of our parish family who will be baptized, receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, as well as receive the gift of the Holy Spirit with Confirmation. Be sure to check out the gift selection and remembrances we have available in the Pastoral Center to help find the "special" gift for the "special" people in your lives.

La Temporada de Regalos Sacramentales se Acerca

Con la pascua ya muy cercana es también tiempo de pensar con tiempo en aquellos momentos "sagrados" para muchos en nuestra familia parroquial que serán bautizados, recibirán a Jesús en la Santa Comunión por primera vez, así como aquellos que recibirán al Espíritu Santo en la Confirmación. Venga y asegúrese de ver nuestra selección de regalos y recuerdos que tenemos disponibles en el Centro Pastoral para que pueda encontrar ese regalo "especial" para aquella persona "especial".

Join Me in the Pledge to Stop Christian Genocide

*A Statement from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of
Louisville, President of the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops.*

Today, the people of God must speak up for our brothers and sisters facing genocide in the Middle East. I urge every Catholic to sign the petition at www.stopthechristiangenocide.org. As a people of faith, we must convince the United States Department of State to include Christians in any formal declaration of genocide. For months, the Catholic Church has been a voice for Christians and other religious minorities facing the evil of deadly persecution. Now, the State Department is expected to make a decision within days. A resolution, H. Con. Res. 75, is also gaining bipartisan support in Congress. Please, make sure your name is added to the witness. The very future of the ancient Christian presence in the Middle East is at stake. I am grateful to my brother bishops, the Knights of Columbus and all the faithful who have struggled to keep a focus on suffering Christians in the national debate. Rest assured of my continued prayers and support. With each passing day, the roll of modern martyrs grows. While we rejoice in their ultimate victory over death through the power of Jesus' love, we must also help our fellow Christians carry the Cross of persecution and, as much as possible, help relieve their suffering. By doing so, the Middle East and the world will be made safer for people of every faith to live in peace.



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“Hosanna, in the highest.”